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NEW DELHI FOR USDEL

1. GEORGE EUSTACHIO, SENIOR STAFF ASSISTANT TO GUAM CONGRESSMAN WON PAT, PHONED DEPTOFF TODAY CONCERNING PRESENCE OF SENATORS TANAKA AND SALAS AND GUAM LEGISLATURE STAFFER GILLIAM AT THE ESCAP PLENARY. EUSTACHIO SAID THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP ARE LIKELY TO PRESS ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR GUAM ISSUE AT NEW DELHI FOR "PAROCHIAL POLITICAL REASONS" AND MIGHT DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR HEAD OF USDEL TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GUAM GROUP, EXPLAINING THAT THIS IS INTERNAL USG MATTER WHICH COULD BE HARMFUL AND EMBARRASSING IF DISCUSSED WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. EUSTACHIO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AT SAME TIME IF WE

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COULD INDICATE WHEN DECISION ON ESCAP ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

FOR GUAM MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING. THIS HE THOUGHT MIGHT
RELIEVE WHATEVER POLITICAL PRESSURE THEY FEEL FOR MAKING
THIS A PUBLIC ISSUE.

2. WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME INDICATE WHEN FINAL USG POLICY
DECISION ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT BE MADE, HOWEVER, IT MAY BE

HELPFUL TO INFORM THE GUAM GROUP THAT GOVERNOR BORDALLO
WILL BE MEETING TODAY (FEB 27) WITH NORMAN ROSS,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC COUNCIL.
THIS SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED. GOVERNOR BORDALLO
WILL OF COURSE BE JOINING YOUR DELEGATION NEXT WEEK. WE
HOPE THAT THE LEGISLATURE REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUAM WILL
RECOGNIZE THAT RAISING SUBJECT OF ESCAP ASSOCIATE
MEMBERSHIP WITH FOREIGN DELEGATIONS AT TIME WHEN SUBJECT
IS UNDER ACTIVE USG CONSIDERATION IS NOT IN INTEREST
US, INCLUDING GUAM. KISSINGER

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